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FIRST LADY MARSHA BARBOUR RECUPERATING AT HOME

(Jackson, Mississippi) – First Lady Marsha Barbour, who underwent major spinal surgery at a California hospital on June 27, has returned to Mississippi and is recuperating at the Governor's Mansion after staying a few days at a Jackson area hospital.

Mrs. Barbour, accompanied by Gov. Haley Barbour, returned to Mississippi last Saturday and was admitted to River Oaks Hospital for follow-on treatment and observation. She was released from River Oaks today.

The six-hour surgery was a revision of surgery Mrs. Barbour had in 1996 and was done by the same team at the University of California-San Francisco Medical Center where the original surgery was performed. While she faces a long recuperative period, a full recovery is expected.

Mrs. Barbour said she is deeply appreciative of the prayers and thoughtful expressions of support by so many Mississippians. Governor Barbour announced that by noon on Thursday a special space to "Send get well wishes to First Lady Marsha Barbour" will be set up on the Governor's Web site, www.governorbarbour.com.

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